GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department — Guntur Municipal Corporation – Allegations of irregularities and misuse of official position and corruption against concerned officials of Guntur Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), Guntur Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed - Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of " withholding of 5% pension for a period of 5 years " – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.194

Dated.14.02.2024.
Read the following:

1) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No 06 /RE-VGT/2013-S,17, dt.16.07.2014.
2) From D.G.,ACB, A.P., Hyd Lr.Rc.Nos.06/RE-VGT/2013-S.17, dt. .09.2014.
3) G.O.Rt.No.804, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dated 27.10.2014.
4) WSD of Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner, GMC, dt.27.08.2015.
5) From the G.A. (COI-R) Dept., U.O.Note No.15/COI-R/2018, dated.27.03.2019.
6) G.O.Rt.No.349, MA&UD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.13.05.2019.
7) Inquiry Report received from COI, AP, Hyderabad in D.O.Lr.No.78/COI-JS/2019, dt.18.10.2021.
8) Govt. Memo.No.11422/Vig.II/2014, dated 24.02.2022.
9) Written representation of Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner, GMC, dt.25.03.2022.
10) Show cause Notice issued to Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), vide Govt.Memo.No.11422/Vig.II/2014/A2-1(E-42810), dated .01.08.2023.
11) Explanation of Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired) , dated.17.09.2023.
12) G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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O R D E R:-

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, A.P., submitted a Regular Enquiry Report on the allegations of irregularities and misuse of official position and corruption etc., against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner and others of Guntur Municipal Corporation and requested to take departmental action against concerned officials of Municipal Corporation, Guntur.

2. In the reference 3rd read above Article of Charges were framed against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.), Guntur Municipal Corporation and directed him to submit written statement of defence under Rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. The charged officer submitted his written statement of defence, vide reference 4th read above. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence, after following due procedure, Government vide reference 6th read above, appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), COI., as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner and others of Guntur Municipal Corporation.

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4. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 7th cited. The Inquiry Authority held that out of 10 charges, 5 Charges are held proved and 5 Charges are held not proved.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner and others of Guntur Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. The charged officer, while agreeing with certain findings of Inquiry Authority, has submitted that he acted in accordance with procedure and due to circumstances exists at that time and also alleged that the Inquiry Authority was biased and therefore requested to drop further action against him, vide reference 9th read above.

6. Government have examined the written representation of the Charged Officer keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Authority and found that there were procedural lapses and lack of supervision on his part and as such the written representation is not convincing. After careful examination of the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of 5 years" against retired C.O. Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.), Guntur Municipal Corporation, in terms of Rule-9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. In the reference 10th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.), Guntur Municipal Corporation, as to why the said penalty shall not be imposed on him. In the reference 11th read above, the charged officer has submitted his explanation and requested to drop all the charges framed against him. He has not put forth any new grounds in his explanation.

8. Government after examination of the matter, keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority and written representation of the C.O., have decided to impose a penalty of " withholding of 5% pension for a period of 5 years " against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.), Guntur Municipal Corporation;

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of 5 years" against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.), Guntur Municipal Corporation, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

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11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retd.),
Guntur Municipal Corporation - **through** the C&DMA, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P.,
Opposite PN Bus stand, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P.,
Stalin Central Mall, 7th floor, M.G. Road.,
Governor Pet, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Plot. No. 11, KJ Systems Building,
Near APIIC IT Park, Mangalagiri.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.